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In re application of Gregory Ashton et al.

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RESPONSE TO SECOND OFFICE ACTION

Commissioner for Patents Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

In response to the second Office action mailed on 24 February 2003, applicants hereby respectfully request further examination and reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks. This response is submitted in accordance with the revised amendment format recently promulgated.

In the claims, please amend the claims according to the complete set of pending claims beginning on page 2 of this paper.

Please consider the remarks and arguments beginning on page 8 of this paper.